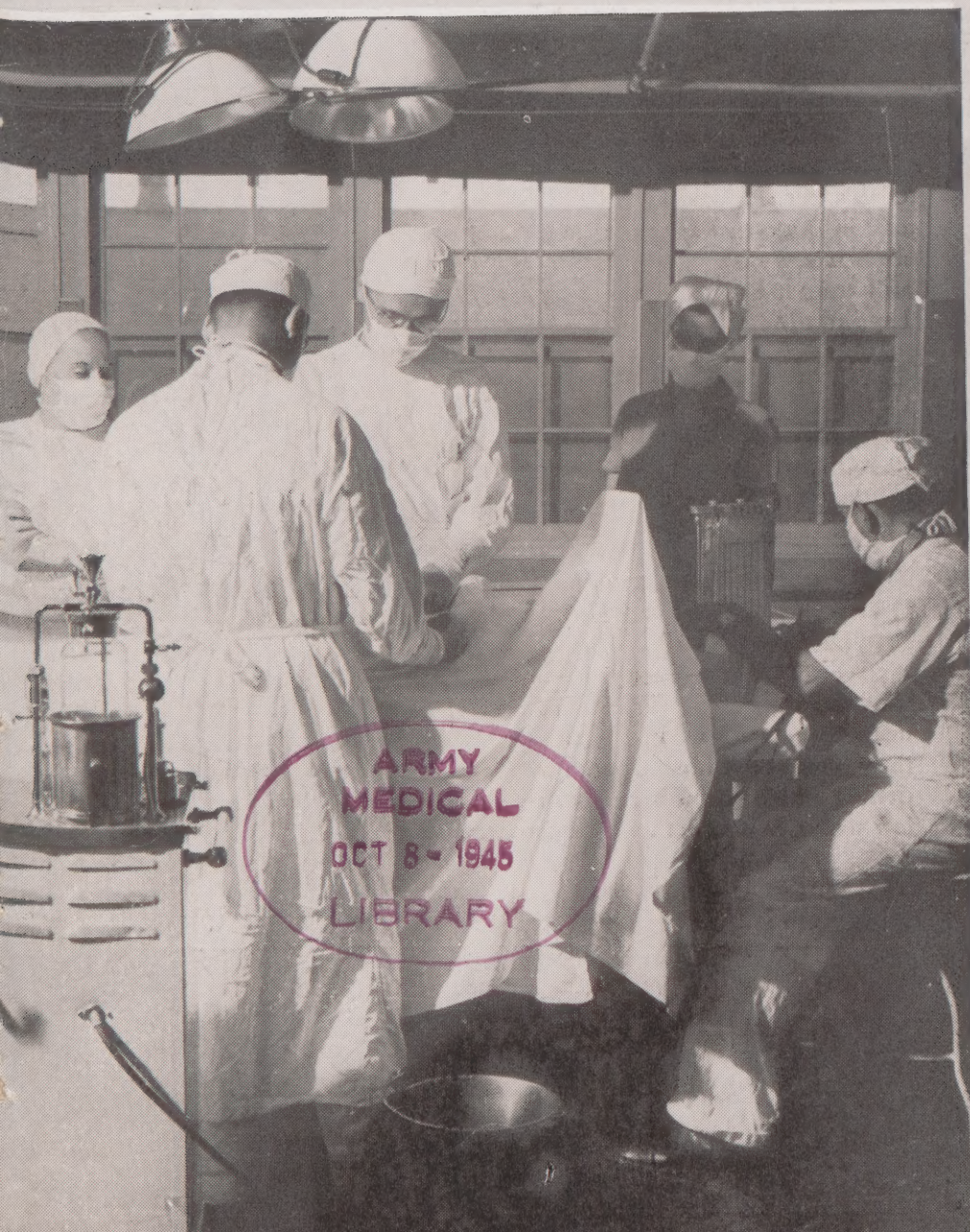


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## **An Editorial**

Writing for a military journal can have its amusing, as well as its disconcerting moments. A decent editor tries to reflect opinions of his readers, rather than try to form them, and it is odd what requests for editorials we get every day.

The sudden end of the war brought to a climax many situations which had been pending, and for which little or no preparations had been made. Chief among these seems to be that of the release of men from the armed forces and their integration into civilian life with the least disturbance. Secretary of War Stimson wrote one line in his demobilization order which may become one of the classics of this war. He said Congress had been very generous with funds and in other matters, but that now the military must retrench on all fronts. Then, in just the right place, he said, "field commanders will resist the natural tendency to retain personnel and facilities" beyond the absolute necessity of the tasks still facing the Army.

Many over-age men at Tilton are disturbed, if not dismayed, by the apparent decision to retain present personnel until the 90-day period allowed by the WD order has expired, and not a few have asked for editorial comments on the subject. In view of the intimate personal concern we have in this matter we are happy to oblige.

Men over 35 are usually fathers of one or more children. It is extremely trying for these men to stay in service one day longer than necessary. The war has been difficult for the families of such men — we think far more so than was required by the military situation at its worst. The period immediately ahead is fraught with unemployment and uncertainty for millions of Americans, and these men recall the desperate 1930's, when men over forty were denied employment in many fields. Any further delay, even for a few weeks, is a threat to their prospects of a decent future.



# More Facts About The G I Bill of Rights ?

*by Pfc. Neil Holland*

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

The purpose of this series of articles on the GI Bill is not to destroy confidence in the aims of Congress and the people of the United States with reference to benefits promised vets of World War II. Rather, we hope by publicizing the facts as we see them that some of the glaring weakness of the Bill may be corrected before large-scale demobilizations renders this problem too acute for ready solution.

The Bill has many excellent features which will prove to be of immeasurable benefit to disabled vets of this war. It also establishes a measure of control over administration of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 by representatives of recognized veterans' organizations. Such a system of checks and balances is in keeping with democratic procedures and may eventually result in needed corrections.

## EDITORIAL [cont]

However, we wish to call your attention to the story on the cover picture which appears on page two of this issue.

Now that the Nips are beaten, it seems that every G I could well afford to give some attention to the post-war world and what it promises him. In a recent issue of TILTON TALK we discussed the GI Bill of Rights, with particular emphasis on the educational benefits provided in the Act. Since that time we have found out more about the Bill, and we don't like what we've found.

It has become an accepted fact in America that when any bill leaves Congress giving someone something, away down in some lost corner there will be a provision for taking it away. The GI Bill of Rights is no exception. The last paragraph of the Bill says in part: "In the event there shall hereafter be authorized any allowance in the nature of adjusted compensation, any benefits received by, or paid for, any veteran under this Act shall be charged against and deducted from such adjusted compensation; and in the event a veteran has obtained a loan under the terms of this Act, the agency disbursing such adjusted compensation shall first pay the unpaid balance and the accrued interest due on such loan to the holder of the evidence of such indebtedness to the extent that the amount of the adjusted compensation which may be payable will permit."

Now, just what does this mean, in terms of benefits already payable under the GI Bill of Rights? In the first place, if a veteran does find it possible to go to school, any payments of tuition and subsistence pay must be deducted from the bonus. The maximum amount of tuition is \$500 per year, and living allowances range from \$600 per year for single men to \$900 for married vets, or a total of \$1100 to \$1400 per year. This will be taken out before the vet gets any of the bonus which may be voted by Congress!

In the event a vet finds himself unemployed and draws upon the \$20 a week allowed by the GI Bill, that too will be taken out before the vet gets his bonus. We had always thought that unemployment compensation was meant to carry a worker over periods of temporary unemployment, but to place it in the category of paying a man for time spent in service and at the same time serving it up as "unemployment insurance" is stretching a good thing a little farther than the situation warrants.

Men who borrow money under the Bill to pay for a home or to start themselves in business will find that the amount of the loan still unpaid, **plus all interest paid by the government**, insofar as the eventual bonus may cover that loan, will be deducted, and this in spite of whether or not the vet has faithfully kept up his payments. Such action constitutes foreclosure without cause!

In other words, everyone but the veteran is covered by the so-called GI Bill of Rights. Everyone but the veteran will benefit by it, and what benefits he thought he was getting will be taken away from him in the operation of any subsequent "bonus bill" or adjusted compensation act. Everything in the bill was treated with the utmost candor except this last vital paragraph. Many veterans groups sponsored the Act, which should be a warning in future against hasty legislation of this sort.



# VICTORY ??

The points have gone down and our spirits are up  
A moment before, like a beaten pup,

We were bitter, disconsolate, hating our lot  
Then we were informed of the Government plot.

The points have gone down and our spirits rejoice  
And loud we acclaim it with jubilant voice.

Say—what am I yelling for? My aching joints!  
I'll stay here forever, with 29 points!

By Cpl Ray Eggers Jr.  
TGH Annex

## CHURCH SERVICES

### TILTON MAIN CHAPEL

ROMAN CATHOLIC	<i>Sunday Masses</i>	6:15 & 11:00 A. M.
	<i>Weekday Masses</i>	4:45 P. M. (Except Wednesday)
	<i>Confessions</i>	Each Saturday 7:30 to 9:00 P. M.
PROTESTANT	<i>General Service</i>	10:00 A. M. Sunday
	<i>Communion</i>	First Sunday in Each Month
JEWISH	<i>Friday</i>	8:00 P. M.

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### OUR COVER PICTURE

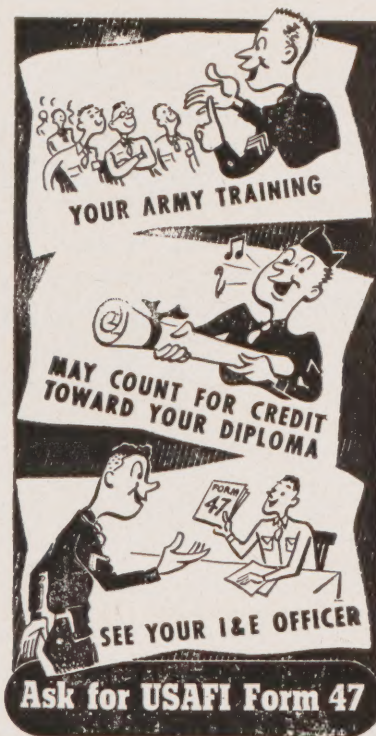
While the war in the ETO and Pacific is over, there is still a long, hard fight ahead at Tilton. Pictured here is one phase of the struggle that goes on daily against disease and injury. Doctors, Nurses and OR technicians are preparing to operate in one of TGH's "Theatres of Operations".

## GI Lawyers Ok'd By N.Y.

(CNS) The New York State Court of Appeals in a recent ruling has opened the door whereby GI Law students may obtain admission to the state bar without taking the prescribed examinations.

The examinations were dispensed with by the court for those who entered the armed services before completing their studies and whose duties have prevented them from taking the succeeding examinations.

The GI applicant, however, must have received his law school degree from a school recognized by the State Board of Regents and must have been in active service for at least a year before he may be admitted to the bar.





## N. Y. Times Writer Worries About 'Volunteer' Ground Army Claims Officer-Man Relations Faulty

Civilians are really interested in the development of a volunteer Army to finish up the job of holding onto the military victory which was won by our "civilian Army". For example, here is what Hanson W Baldwin of *The New York Times* thinks about the problem:

"The recent tentative House decision to include a one-year enlistment in the recruiting inducement now being established will, unless hedged with safeguards and restrictions, prove unfair to some men already inducted into the Army. And, in any case, eighteen months is the minimum useful period of enlistment for overseas service. One-year enlistments would too greatly complicate the problems of training and transportation.

"Other inductments to voluntary recruiting are on the right track but have not gone far enough. The Army enlisted man in the ground forces must be encouraged to make the Army a career, as so many Navy men did before the war. Pay scales, retirement provisions, food and living conditions, re-enlistment pay and other benefits must be liberalized greatly and publicized forcibly.

"Neither the War Dept nor Congress has yet got to the crux of the problem of raising a volunteer ground Army. This problem is the officer-enlisted man relationship.

"As long as Regular Army officers, like Gen George Patton, think that Bill Mauldin's cartoons are destructive of morale, just that long will there be an officer-enlisted man problem.

For Bill Mauldin's cartoons are typical of how the modern GI thinks; in that lies their validity. They are humorous because they are true, and the Army officer who cannot see their humor needs reform himself.

"The bulk of the armed forces in every war that the United States has fought has been composed of citizens in uniform — and that will be true of every war the United States is likely to fight. The training and the thinking of the Regular officers must be keyed to the thinking of these civilians at war—not only in war but in peace—or the average American will retain a dislike for the armed forces that will do the country no good.

"Officers must have privileges commensurate with rank, but they must earn those privileges by responsibilities, and their first thought must be for their men. Until the officer-enlisted man relationship is revised and modernized in the Army ground forces, there will be no satisfactory response to a recruiting drive."

## 139 Years Late!

New Rochelle, N. Y. (CNS)--Thomas Paine, denied the right to vote in New Rochelle in 1806 by local citizens has at last won back his citizenship in this town. New Rochelle's mayor, restoring Paine's rights 139 years too late, said that the author of "The Crisis" had done more than any other man "to make this a free and independent nation."

## Better Treatment of Vets Needed

Lt Gen Walton H Walker, commanding general of the 8th Service Command, told the assembled redistribution station officers it is the responsibility of redistribution stations and separation centers to see that World War II soldiers are discharged with a favorable impression of the Army. If men are released with the indifference shown them after the last war, General Walker emphasized, the new peacetime Army will suffer the popularly unfavorable criticism accorded it in the years before Pearl Harbor.

The treatment given soldiers before discharge may become a prime factor in laying the foundation for an Army that can be called a dignified American institution, pleasant in peace and strong in war, General Walker added. And the role played by installations concerned with returning or preparing soldiers for return to civilian life is of vital importance at the moment, he said.

General Walker made a two day tour of Fort Houston. He was conducted on a general tour of the station by Col. Robert E. Jones, commanding officer. While inspecting returnee barracks, the general took time out to chat with combat veterans, a number of whom served with him in the same European campaigns. General Walker had commanded the "ghost corps" of the 3rd Army's dash across France and Germany. The corps was praised in the House of Commons by Winston Churchill.



# Million Years To Get To Atomic Bombs

It took a million years of warfare for man to develop the terrible destructiveness of atom bombs.

The history of armament dates back to the first stone which a pre-historic man threw at an animal, through the age when stone axes were used, when arrows were developed and catapults devised to hurl boulders at the foe.

Poison gas was first used in the time of Plataea in 428 BC. Catapults, hurling rocks and flames antedated gas, however, by many centuries.

Gunpowder was developed by the Chinese in 1232 and first put into practical use by Sir Francis Bacon, the Briton, somewhat later. The torpedo began as an explosive charge set against sides of British ships in 1777. In 1864 came the torpedo driven by air power, and a few years earlier the first iron sided warship; Ericsson's famed cheese box on a raft, the Monitor.

The rocket, outgrowth of the catapult, was used first by the British against a French ship in 1860. The rocket fell into disuse until World War II, when it was developed by the Germans into V-1 and V-2 bombs which laid destruction and waist over wide areas in England. The American bazooka, the Jap Baka Bomb and the airborne rockets of American and British fighters are other forms of rocket fire used in this war.

Coming almost in the closing week of World War II was the atomic bomb, two of which destroyed 2 Jap cities and whose repercussions are still being heard in world capitals.

## **Nazis Bigotry Cost Them Bomb**

Nazi Germany's anti-semitic philosophy may have cost her the use of the atomic bomb, the war's most sensational weapon.

Holding the secret to this most devastating of weapons of war was Dr Lise Meitner, a woman physicist whom the Nazis expelled from Germany as a "non-Aryan". With her associates she had been bombarding uranium atoms with neutrons and then submitting the uranium to chemical analysis.

Dr. Meitner then went to Sweden where her mathematical calculations played a vital part in the unlocking of atomic energy.

# 99 Park to Continue to End

Mrs Julius Ochs Adler, acting chairman of the New York Defense Recreation Committee has announced that 99 Park Avenue will continue to operate as a full-time entertainment center for members of the armed forces until the very last soldier and sailor has returned to these shores and the Army and Navy then sees no future need for the committee.

Right now, 99 Park Avenue is busier than ever. Its entire program has been accelerated to offer a wide scope of activity for the hospitalized veteran, and more plans are being instituted daily to meet this heavier demand.

Hospital parties is an activity now going into full gear. Groups of 15 to 20 veterans assigned to hospitals in the near area are entertained at a Broadway stage show, with Red Cross station wagons or service cars providing the transportation to and from the theater. Medical officers consider this form of entertainment very important in assisting the veteran to regain his health.

## **A New One**

Requests from service men to their COs for extensions of leave are based generally on sick family, missed train, wife expecting, etc. But recently a buejacket at Bunker Hill (Ind.) Naval Station came up with a new one:

"Requested ten day extension of leave for shakedown cruise of new wife." It was granted.

## **Don't Pack Yet**

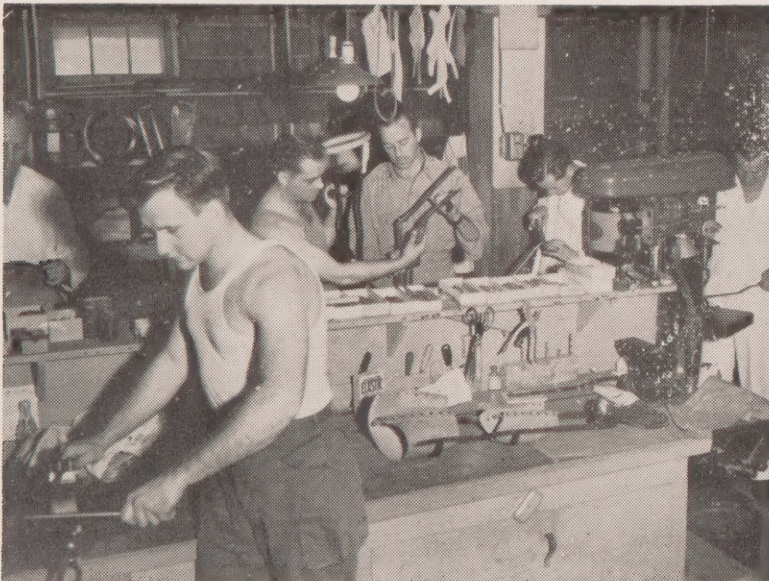
WASHINGTON (CNS) — You may be in for "the duration plus 6", but that doesn't mean you'll be discharged within half a year of Japan's surrender: The war will be over, officially, upon conclusion of a peace treaty, upon a Presidential proclamation, or by a joint Congressional resolution. Word War I didn't end officially until almost 3 years after the last shot was fired. Meanwhile, the draft will continue.



# Here's Your "BRACE SHOP"

One of the functions for which Tilton General Hospital is so justly famous is its Orthopedic Service, and the Orthopedic Shop has added no little to the efficiency and effectiveness of this service. Here, expert technicians like T/3 John Letersky and T/4 Sam Cohen take measurements, draw the plans, fit the patient and supervise the production of the finest orthopedic braces in the Army. To these two enlisted men must go much of the praise the department so richly deserves

At a first glance, the shop looks like any shoe-repair shop, but it is much more than that. Shoes enter into the picture, of course, but the shaping, padding and fitting of the braces used is immeasurably more important. A patient is first referred to the department by the Ward Doctor or the Chief of Service. Often the patient is measured in bed, and in two days he comes in for fittings and adjustments. Within a matter of hours he leaves the shop with his brace.

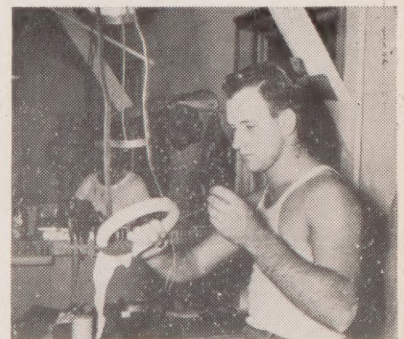


Many different types of braces, with many varying uses are, made here. A patient with a broken femur will require a brace which will take the weight off a broken bone and a stiff knee, but which permits him to walk with its support. In this manner he is subjected to "a convalescence in motion", so to speak. On the other hand, a patient with a broken neck will need a brace to give support to the head, permitting the damaged vertebrae to heal, and at the same time permit him to get out of bed and get about without assistance. Not only does this benefit him medically but it is also a tremendous morale factor, and this is extremely important in treating such cases. Temporary failures of muscle or nerve tissues are also corrected by proper braces.



So much for the technical angles. The mechanical procedures are somewhat involved. First, a drawing of the limb, to exact scale, must be made, and from this the necessary equipment can be determined. Next, the metal parts of the brace are made and fitted to a proper shoe-style. Cuffs and padding are equally important, especially in Ischial Seat Caliper Rings, used to support broken leg bones, as described above, and in neck cases.

Most of the technicians have been in the shop almost from the beginning. Responsibility for the work done here is shared by Col. Brav, Chief of Orthopedics and Col. Layton of Surgical Service. 2nd Lt. J. Miller is directly in charge of the Shop, assisted by Sgts Letersky and Cohen.







"PASS IN REVIEW" - Tilton EM & EW at Retreat Parade



Details for the Day



Where do we go from here ? Cadre leaving Tilton's 'Ivy' walls

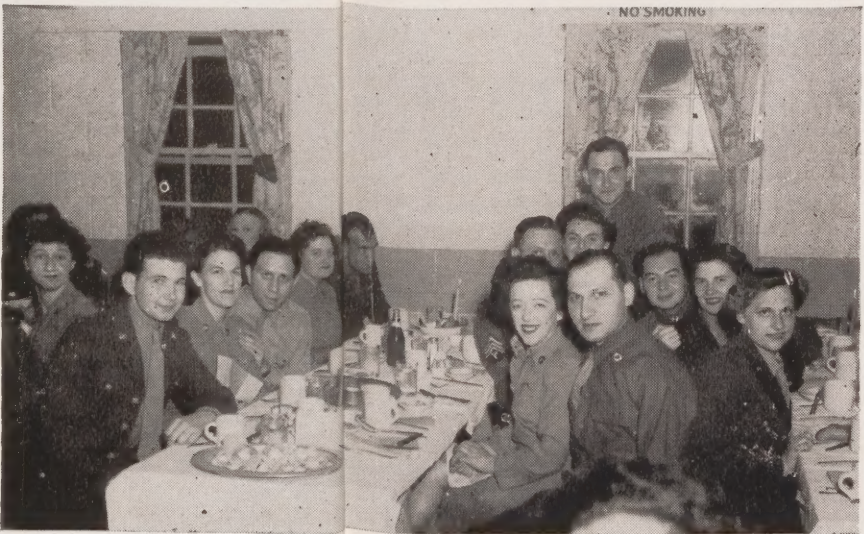
# MEMORIES



# OF TILTON



Life begins at Tilton - WAC's arrive, 1943



WAC 3rd Anniversary Dinner



CHOW LINE - Tiltonites wait in line Army style - Hurry up and wait



AWVS Hard at work



## CORONET Explains How To Get GI Loans

The GI loan for veterans is not a "government hand-out", but a well-investigated, carefully executed business proposition. And the vet who starts a new business must know his facts before he sits down to talk to the U. S. Government and a national bank.

Much confusion still exists as to the nature of such loans and how they are secured. The Government does not lend the vet any money, nor does the law require that vets shall be granted loans. The vet must convince a loan agency that he has a real proposition and that the business he wants to start can succeed, or that he has a steady income to pay for the home he wants to build. Once the bank is convinced, he must start anew on the Veterans Administration and several other government agencies. Then, and only then, will the government guarantee half of the loan, up to \$2000 as its share. It will also pay the interest on its share for the first year. Interest may not exceed 4 per cent per year.

One veteran decided to go into the meat business. He needed a GI loan. He learned very quickly that Uncle Sam isn't giving anything away nor was anyone else simply because he was a vet. Fortunately, his local bank had an understanding credit manager. He investigated any doubt but he also put a lot of faith in character and knew how to judge it. The veteran and his partner had gone to the trouble of estimating exactly what the initial start would cost. They had also lined up several customers who would buy from them. Then they started on the round of government agencies to obtain priorities for a truck and gasoline. The Office of Defense Transportation heard the story and agreed to grant a Certificate of War Necessity for the truck, and the OPA gave him a gas allowance, "after the usual fifty questions" says CORONET Magazine.

Back to the bank he went. They wanted to know how much he would do a year, gross. How much of it would be profit? What would operation of the truck cost; how much for rent; how much for gasoline, oil, tires, grease? They wanted an itemized list. After he supplied this, they wanted to see his discharge papers. His past was investigated. Had he borrowed before? Did he owe anything?

After his record was cleared, he had to present to the bank his priority for the truck and all data concerning its purchase and insurance. Thus cleared, all the papers were sent to the RFC where after "ten men asked more questions than you ever answered before" the loan was finally put through.

"It sounds pretty rugged", the veteran confessed, "when you go into details like that, but its not only worth the trouble—its educational."

If a veteran sticks to it, day after day, doing exactly what he is told and doing it to the best of his ability, it shouldn't take more than a month and a half to get it, according to an article in September CORONET Magazine.

## Tiltonites On Atom Bombs

Two of Tilton General's civilian personnel worked on the ultra-secret Atomic Bomb Project at Oak Ridge, it was revealed recently. Neither was aware of what was going on at the time but is thrilled beyond measure, now that the secret is out.

Miss Mary Speers, who used to teach photography as a member of the AWVS at Tilton, and Miss Sybil "Honey Chile" Carter, of the Public Relations Office, both worked at Oak Ridge. Miss Carter spent a year there before coming to Tilton. Josephine U. Herrick, director of the AWVS photographic department, was also employed there for a time.

The AWVS connection was revealed when Miss Herrick sent in her monthly report, with a "now it can be told" appendage. No member of the AWVS had any inkling of their 'atomic connection', the Greater New York Headquarters said.

## Wolf Whistle No Go

The GI who tries out the traditional whistle on Jap girls is in for surprise, according to YANK, The Army Weekly.

Contact with Geisha girls is anything but the quick slap and tickle fondly imagined by GIs. It is as formal as an English garden party and, to the initiate, just as boring. You sit cross-legged at a low table, and the Geisha serves you tea and maybe sings a little.

You take off your shoes when you enter the house; and that is about the only thing that fits your original ideas, YANK says.



## Capt Healy States Discharge Policy

The following notice has been submitted to "TILTON TALK" by Capt Martin J Healy, Jr, Executive Officer of Tilton General Hospital. It reflects the official policy of the hospital with respect to releases of over-age men now assigned to TGH:

"It is important that all enlisted personnel assigned to the Medical Department Detachment realize the reasons behind the retention of certain overage personnel in the Military Service for the ninety-day period, following their applications or until sooner relieved after replacements arrive. Whereas other installations throughout this and other service commands have released overage personnel without replacement this situation does not apply to medical installations and particularly not to Tilton General Hospital. Throughout the country and particularly at Tilton the work load has not diminished and in many respects has increased. The Medical Department is still charged with carrying out its share of the war effort and even though hostilities have ceased the Medical Department has not yet finished its mission. Enlisted personnel whose training makes them essential to the carrying out of this mission must be retained until necessary replacements become available from other sources. As rapidly as these replacements are obtained and trained in the positions in which they are needed, overage personnel will be released promptly, and in less than the ninety-day period if replacements arrive before that time"

## Sep POINT At TGH

### Patients, Nurses, EM, Get Short-cut Home

*by Cpl Irving Stiber*

HEY!! All you point and overage men, lend us your ears; here is the news you've been waiting for. Tilton General Hospital has been authorized to act as a Separation Point in order to facilitate the overflow that is currently flooding the separation centers. In other words, *when* your turn comes, you can get out of the army right in your own back yard. The hospital and its facilities are stumbling along at top notch speed in order to have the boys out in the quickest possible time. The whole project is under the supervision of the SEPARATION CONTROL OFFICER, Captain G L Bennett. Three buildings have been set aside and according to the reports the whole procedure is going to be painless, with as little red tape as possible and that beautiful piece of white paper at the end of the line.

The personnel eligible for processing are: overhead enlisted and officer personnel, enlisted patients eligible for separation because of physical disability and enlisted patients eligible for discharge for reasons other than physical disability. This impressive list covers about everyone except the boys who have a penchant for army life.

With a lot of hard work the first dischargee should be on his way September 27, and don't forget the boys who are making out your papers are doing it in addition to their normal duties. This new system should be instrumental in producing a lot of joy for the men who had visions of sweating out miles of lines and days of waiting to hear their name called. If you still have any doubts about the workability of this plan may we suggest that a week or so 'shakedown' may be needed to acquaint personnel with their new responsibilities. Thereafter, separations should function in a smooth and efficient manner.

## LaGuardia Favors Jobless Pay

New York's mayor, F. H. La Guardia, gave some sharp answers to critics of the pending unemployment insurance bill. Replying to Senator Hawks (R NJ), who asked if the Little Flower would pay the same benefits to a man in Mississippi and one in New York, LaGuardia said: "When you talk about the cost of living, I want to assume first that it is a proper American standard of living and then adjust the benefits if we raise them."

The new Administrator of Veterans Affairs, General Omar Bradley, was a surprise opponent of increasing vets unemployment benefits to \$25 per week, contending that this should be done by separate legislation.

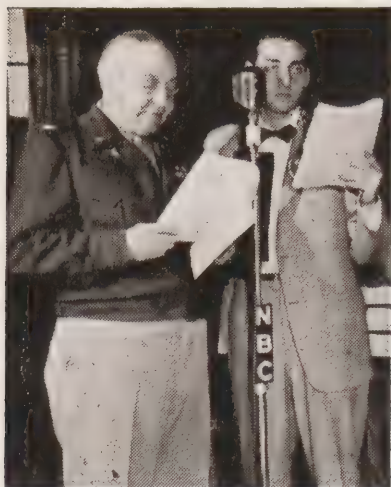


**Your CO**

# **Col. S J Turnbull**

*NOTE: This column is substituted for the usual Colonel's Page, as we thought members of the Detachment and patients at TGH would want to know something about their commanding officer.*

A man whose name is much on the lips of Tilton Personnel but whose form or record is little known to them is Colonel Samuel Jay Turnbull, commanding officer of Tilton General Hospital. Our CO was born in the balmy state of Florida on June 8, 1886, and entered the service of his country on March 25, 1911, when he was appointed as a First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps Reserve.



Colonel Turnbull is a graduate of the Army Medical School and of George Washington University. He served with a medical unit in World War I and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for performing a difficult operation under extremely trying circumstances and under the fire of the enemy. After the end of the war he was honorably discharged from the Army of the United States and reverted to the Regular Army. He served in Panama and several other installations before coming to

Tilton in 1941 to assume the command he now holds.

Not all the talent in the Turnbull family is invested in the lord and master. Mrs. Turnbull is composer of "TILTON MARCH" and several other musical endeavors which have been published. Son "Bud"—1st Lt S Jay Turnbull Jr—recently married 2d Lieut Madalyn Applegate. Daughter Betty is married to Navy Lt Munnikhyssen. Daughter Helen works in X-ray, and writes regularly for TT.

An American resident in China remonstrated with her house boy for taking the linen into her bedroom without knocking.

"That all right, Missy," said the native. "Everytime time come, lookie through keyhole. Nothing on, no come in."

STOCKHOLM (CNS) General Makato Onodera, military attache at the Jap legation in the capitol of Sweden, has his post war plans.

Asked what he planned to do after the war, he said: "I'll write my memoirs. Do you think I could sell them in the U S?"

## **★ LIBRARY NOTES..**

At Tilton Army Service Libraries, the customer is always right! As far as possible, books that you have been asking for are being supplied. Staff members of the library gather up the requests from patients and hospital personnel. Afterwards, this information is pooled, and the librarian knows what to include in the next book order.

You've asked for sports stories, so here are a few new ones on hand. "Rookie Of The Year;" "The Keystone Kids;" "All American;" and "Yea Wildcat" All exciting gridiron stories full of famous touchdowns.

Many Tiltonites are studying a foreign language and have expressed a wish to read some novels in foreign translations. A few of those in French include "Madame Bovary;" The Count of Monte Cristo; and Andre Maurois' "Tragedy in France." Italian titles of note are D'Annunzio's "La Giocanda" and Negri's "Finestra Alta". There is very little to be had in German fiction, but Heine's poems are available, and there are several good text books at both libraries.

Vocational books include such subject fields as engineering, transportation, chemistry, music, radio, television, the steel industry and carpentry. Arts and crafts books cover woodworking, cartooning, soap carving, whittling, poster designing and house planning.



# Interesting People

## "The Sgt Major"

No one seems to give much thought to the Sergeant Major's job, probably because not too many enlisted men have intimate or frequent contact with his office. But, from an administrative standpoint it is one of the most important positions in an establishment of this sort.

Present Sergeant Major is M/Sgt John Holzapfel. John is a familiar sight to most hospital personnel, but not too many know the job he holds down. He came into the Army via Fort Dix, in October, 1942, and moved over to the hospital headquarters in December of that year. He's been there ever since. He says his job is chief non-com assistant to the adjutant and thus to the CO.

In civilian life Sgt Holzapfel worked as an advertising and marketing consultant, which means that he was involved in a sort of "Gallup Poll" of consumer trends. In other words, he worked out a survey of various areas and districts as to whether a given commodity would sell well there and what form of advertising it would take to put the goods across with the consumers.



Sgt Holzapfel has been here long enough to see the hospital grow from 200 patients to more than 5000, and when we asked him what he thought of it all he said: "The enlisted men, privates and pfcs, have held the thing together. Scores of men trained here have sparked medical organizations and installations all over the world, and all of us here are more than a little proud of our part in their early training."

Asked what he liked best about his job he said the fact that the Commanding Officer had not put everyone in a straight-jacket had made administration much easier and more efficient. He is a native of Indiana, and has the wit for which Hoosiers are justly

# LOST & FOUND

The Army is operating the biggest "lost and found" outfit in the world. The depot has handled 406,000 pieces of baggage, packages and personal effects in the last year, and in the files are 288,000 letters from soldiers who have lost stuff in the confusion of moving.

All kinds of strange and mysterious things have turned up in the Army's European catch-all. Stuffed snakes, bicycles, a 600-pound engraved slab and, all sorts of ordinary souvenirs. Some of the items--including real money--were left behind by evacuated casualties, some belonged to missing men, and some were just plain lost.

Most of the stuff belongs to men who were wounded and who have been kicked around a lot between hospitals and replacement centers. It's hard to keep track of such men, but their stuff usually turns up--it says here.

famous. Although he is much younger looking, Sgt Holzapfel confesses to 38 summers and as many winters. His favorite personal preference are boxer dogs, camel-hair overcoats and Brooks suits. And oh, yes--AND PIPES.

Almost any hour of the day you will find a crowd at his desk, trying to find out about this, that, or the other thing. And if John doesn't know the answer THERE JUST AIN'T NONE! Don't let the caricature Bob Lee drew frighten you off. John has a heart of gold, and twice as soft.



# Butchery WE CALLS IT

by T/5 Robert E. Lee

Remember those peaceful days when we would all tear our hair out in the final minutes of a basketball game? When one team, being but a point or two behind, would be striving to get that "basket" that would tie up the game, or even put them a point ahead? They moved the ball down into the danger zone, passing like crazy to get the defense spread out so they could get a man under the basket for the lay-up. Suddenly the stands are on their feet, screaming bloody murder; a fellow cuts from the outside and straight down the middle, the ball was shot to him chest-high, and he made it a soft "doggie", while the old crowd tore the house down.

Well, a lot of basketball may be lost to the fans if a few officials have their way. They contemplate zoning the court into two sections, and a player scoring Zone "A" would be credited with 2 points, whereas from Zone "B" he'd get 3 points. They propose a 19-foot circle be drawn on the court, with the basket as the center and extending out around the familiar "bucket". The officials are trying to get away from the 6-foot-plus giants laying under the basket and robbing the little guys. However, they lose sight of the true character of the game; the old give-and-go will die a sudden death and all that will be left is a cold pop-shot game.

Let's leave the game alone. Basketball has come a long way since they threw out the "fruit-basket". Let's not spoil it.



The American League has taken on new life — the whole lot — since Bob Feller and a couple of other boys got out of service. . . . It's getting 'way down there, and before you know it the World's Serious will be played. . . The whole racing world was left agog by that \$4,313.90 daily double. 24 collected on it!

The New York Giants are expected to give the Boston Yanks a rough initiation into the National Pro Football League, Sept 18.

Lt Sam Chapman and Al Brancato are being released -- will return to the A's. Both have been in the Navy.

Latest TS beef is the run-off between Barracks One and Six, who were to have settled a quarrel as to the Softball Champs of Main Detachment. A little matter of mowing the lawn broke up the game, and the champs are still un-named.

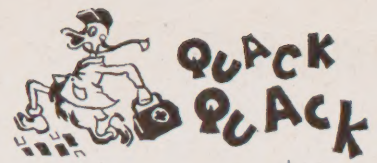
Some of our best diamondeers are also very handy with the odd-shaped pigskin, and this fall ought to see something good on the gridiron . . . Speaking of football, COACH GEORGE MUNGER was here a couple of weeks ago giving the boys some of the fine points of "pig-skinners." Munger came from Penn U, and gave the patients tips on kicking, blocking and passing. His name is high on the "Welcome" list at TGH.





# HERE and THERE

By Sgt. Pearl Jackson



Somebody should present Bill Yeoman with a compass, so that in the future he'll follow the right direction when he decides to powder his nose at B. J.'s. Such things used to happen only in the movies. But Bill's embarrassment is neither here nor there, the main issue at hand involving reconversion, with its attendant manifestations and ramifications, particularly its effect upon such like you and I, who still labor under the austere classification of "Military Personnel".

Now there's nothing wrong with being military personnel, even though the trend is definitely toward reet pleats and \$1.10 admission to the cinema. The guys who got their "Greetings" in '40 and '41 are home now, proving the adage that he who laughs last laughs best. Those of us who still sweat out chow lines, pay lines, linen lines, pass lines, mail lines, telephone lines, mop and bucket lines, P. X. lines, railroad ticket lines, bus lines, shot lines, and movie lines—don't for a minute misconstrue our emotions. We're tickled to death to see various of our comrades in arms hit the happy pike that leads to home, whether it be a flat in Flatbush or a dairy farm in Oklahoma. They've earned this privilege, by reason either of high-point scores, or else because they've attained the hoary age of 35, the poor old fogeys.

And we rejoice that they won't be troubled with ration books. Reconversion has taken care of that. You can now purchase a side of beef and look the butcher straight in the eye, if you have any special use for a side of beef. Gasoline flows like water over the Croton Dam, and the tobacco vender hawks something besides Fleetwoods. For those who are flush, there are refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, electrical appliances of all kinds, and even cars, bless 'em. Shopkeepers are adapting a new air of civility, gas station attendants have taken to wiping off your windshield, grandma has abandoned her slacks and lunch-box, the swing shift has become the snore shift, the members of the local draft board dare to appear on the boulevard in broad daylight, the town "Honor Roll" has fallen into a state of disrepair, American Legion rush teams are working overtime, the air-raid wardens and auxiliary police are reveling in their pre-war pursuits of bridge and golf, the victory gardens have gone to weed, the male population has taken over the operation of street cars and taxis, you can get a hotel room on Saturday nights, you can purchase a suit with two pairs of trousers, you can regard the World Series in its rightful place of primary importance, you can motor to the seashore on Sunday without feeling like a traitor, the debutantes at Newport and Tuxedo Park are once more having their coming-out parties, Fido is gorging himself on real pork chops, the kids are playing hop-sotch rather than Merrill's Marauders, and you can leave the light on in the front parlor all night.

Oh, it's a great old world you're returning to, pardner, and make the most of it. we'll be joining you soon (we hope).

The Clambake held at Colonel Turnbull's farm was a huge success. The nite was beautiful and all the trees and grass had been sprayed with DDT to hold mosquitoes to a minimum. Lights were strung between the trees and an outdoor bar was situated between the beech trees. Those holding the clam eating record were Col White, Ernie Brav and Helen Turnbull.

Tilton is sporting a new Exec, Martin J. Healy, Jr. Marty was on his way to Camp Siebert to join the 103rd General when he was recalled. Cecil Miller has returned to his first love, Medical Service.

We see them leave and we see them return . . . Now that we have gotten Johnny Johnson, Tommy Lide, Bill Joule and Buck Weitz home, we are looking forward to that day when we welcome home "Ace" Dunlop and "Juice" Frediani. Both boys have left the ETO and we're expecting them daily . . . Remember Bill Hayward, once assistant Adjutant? Well, Bill has left Italy and is now a patient on Okinawa with a bad knee. In the bed next to him with an appendix is "Zoloti" Berman, and a frequent visitor is Hal Herman . . . "Mumblin' Moe" Miller is in a replacement pool at Luzon . . . Mert Flanders finally "got over". We hear Rube Miller is Fire Marshal at Crowder! Looks like we'll soon have all our Alumni back in the States and can start planning for that reunion . . . It won't be long now.



# PARADE



A close up of some of the 250 odd patients which climbed into busses here for a quick dash to New York and the grand ball room of the Waldorf Astoria where 1000 beautiful gals from Broadway held forth as dancing partners. A Purple Heart was the price of admission.



D. S. C. AWARDED - Sgt. Charles Borrelli is receiving the D. S. C. presented by Colonel White at formation